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SUBJECT: ANOTHER WEEKEND OF VIOLENCE IN BELFAST

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1. SEVEN PEOPLE DIED IN BELFAST BETWEEN FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 11 AND MONDAY MORNING APRIL 14 AS DIRECT RESULT OF SECTARIAN OR INTRASECTARIAN VIOLENCE. ONE MAN A PROTESTANT KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED BY ARMY GUNFIRE FOLLOWING ABORTIVE GUN AND BOMB ATTACK ON CATHOLIC PUB APRIL 11. FOUR WOMEN AND ONE MAN KILLED IN GUN AND BOMB ATTACK PRESUMABLY AGAIN BY PROTESTANTS ON ANOTHER CATHOLIC PUB BELFAST APRIL 12. ONE MAN KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE APRIL 12 IN WHAT APPEARS BE ATTACK ON OFFICIAL IRA MEMBERS BY MEMBERS OR "PROTECTORS" OF IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY. ATTACK ON NEIGHBORHOOD PUB IN WHICH FIVE KILLED AND THIRTY-NINE INJURED APPEARS PARTICULARLY BRUTAL AND SENSELESS SINCE PUB PATRONIZED HEAVILY BY OLD AGE PENSIONERS. FIVE REPUBLICAN DETAINEES, NONE FROM BELFAST, WERE RELEASED AT THE WEEKEND.

2. OFFICERS OF ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) AND ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) MET APRIL 11 IN ATTEMPT END FEUD  
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(REFTEL). FOLLOWING MEETING UVF ORDERED ITS MEMBERS "STAND

DOWN FROM ALERT." TWO UDA MEMBERS STILL MISSING HOWEVER AND  
UDA-UVF FAR FROM PERMANENT SETTLEMENT.

3. VIOLENCE SHARES THE NEWS WITH REPORTING OF AND COMMENTARY  
ABOUT SPEECH MADE BY GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING SIR FRANK KING  
IN NOTTINGHAM APRIL 12.

AL IS REPORTED TO HAVE CITICIZED  
FREEING OF DETAINEES AS POSSIBLY LEADING TO FURTHER VIOLENCE  
AND AS REGRETTING TIMING OF CEASEFIRE IN THAT ARMY WAS WITHIN  
MONTHS OF ENDING PROVISIONAL IRA ABILITY TO CONTINUE. ALTHOUGH  
GENERAL KING HAS ISSUED STATEMENT THAT HIS REMARKS REPORTED  
OUT OF CONTEXT AND IT NOT RPT NOT KNOWN HERE WHAT HE DID SAY  
POLITICAL REACTION IS CRYSTALIZING RAPIDLY ALONG SECTARIAN  
LINES. LOYALISTS ARE PRAISING GENERAL FOR FRANKNESS AND  
CLAIMING HIS POSITION DEMONSTRATES SECSTATE REES IGNORING  
CONCERNS HIS SECURITY ADVISORS IN "APPEASING" IRA TO  
OBTAIN "SHAM" CEASEFIRE. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ND LABOUR  
PARTY (SDLP) AND ALLIANCE PARTIES ATTACKING GENERAL FOR  
MISDEED RANGING FROM INSUBORDINATION TO CIVIL AUTHORITY TO  
ANTI-CATHOLIC BIGOTRY. SDLP INTERPRETING GENERAL'S CRITICISM  
OF RELEASES DETAINEES AS DEMONSTRATION HIS VIEW THAT ALL  
ULSTER VIOLENCE ORIGINATES IN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. GENERAL'S  
REMARKS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO SDLP CRITICISM IN CONTEXT  
WEEKEND VIOLENCE MOSTLY DIRECTED BY PROTESTANTS AGAINST  
CATHOLICS SEEMINGLY SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE CATHOLICS.

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